

Modified Form Letters 2

2-DC

From: carle@qnet.com
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2006 4:25 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Comments on SDIP EIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Please alter your plans for additional pumping from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay-Delta as has been proposed in the South Delta "Improvements" Program (SDIP). With the Delta's current ecosystem collapse, now is not the time for even more pumping away from its ecosystem.

The Draft Environmental Impact Report/ Statement for SDIP is missing an alternative that considers improvements to water quality and fish survival accomplished by reducing pumping below current levels. Water use efficiency and water recycling options, described in the Department of Water Resources' draft "California Water Plan Update" can replace those waters. It is time for a new direction. I hope you will manage for the recovery of the Delta by decreasing, rather than increasing pumping. increased pumping.

DC-1

Also, please include me on your mailing list concerning this project.

Sincerely,

David Carle
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Lee Vining, California 93541-0039

2-CK

From: carrie@mlode.com
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2006 8:29 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Comments on SDIP EIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Please, no additional pumping from the California Bay-Delta as currently proposed in the South Delta "Improvements" Program (SDIP)!

Additional pumping must be the last solution, after all other conservation measures have been taken.

The project claims to improve water quality and fish survival, but conservation alternatives achieve these project objectives better, and without the additional environmental costs of SDIP.

Sincerely,

Carrie King

Sincerely,

Carrie King
20751 Rising Hill Circle
Groveland, California 95321

CK-1

2-JS

From: jefschultz@hotmail.com
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2006 5:05 AM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Comments on SDIP EIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

It boggles the mind to see the short-sighted plans some people come up with to further erode California's ecosystems.

JS-1

Please drop plans for additional pumping from the California Bay-Delta as currently proposed in the South Delta "Improvements" Program (SDIP), especially while the Delta is experiencing an historic ecosystem collapse.

Most urgently, I request that you withdraw the highly flawed Draft Environmental Impact Report/Statement for SDIP. If the project claims to improve water quality and fish survival you must examine an alternative to the project that accomplishes these goals by significantly reducing Delta pumping from current levels.

We have more reliable, more cost-effective and more environmentally friendly ways to provide abundant water for California's future. These options include water use efficiency and water recycling and are outlined in the Department of Water Resources' draft "California Water Plan Update" and Water for California's "Investment Strategy for California Water" (prepared by the Planning and Conservation League).

Together we must make sensible and sustainable water policy decisions that conserve the Delta and our rivers, to keep our state beautiful, vibrant and strong. The survival of the Delta depends upon your agency's actions. Please support the recovery of the Delta and say NO to increased pumping.

Also, please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Schultz M.T.S.
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Gualala, California 95445

2-RZ

From: rosa.m.zambrano@boeing.com
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2006 1:51 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Comments on SDIP EIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

I am writing to urge you to drop plans for additional pumping from the California Bay-Delta as currently proposed in the South Delta "Improvements" Program (SDIP), especially while the Delta is experiencing an historic ecosystem collapse.

Most urgently, I request that you withdraw the highly flawed Draft Environmental Impact Report/Statement for SDIP. If the project claims to improve water quality and fish survival you must examine an alternative to the project that accomplishes these goals by significantly reducing Delta pumping from current levels.

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Together we must make sensible and sustainable water policy decisions that conserve the Delta and our rivers, to keep our state beautiful, vibrant and strong. The survival of the Delta depends upon your agency's actions. Please support the recovery of the Delta and say NO to increased pumping.

Also, please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Looking forward to be at the next meeting, since my wish for 2006 is to become a better informed member of our community and be more active on issues that affect our community's future.

RZ-1

Sincerely,

Rosa Zambrano
5604 Mission Way
Commerce, California 90040

Responses to Comments

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Please see Master Response D, *Developing and Screening Alternatives Considered in the Draft EIS/EIR*.

2-JS-1

The SDIP is intended to balance the needs of the environment with the needs of the water users south of the Delta. Impacts identified as potentially significant will be mitigated to a less than significant level to ensure minimal effects on the environment.

2-RZ-1

DWR and Reclamation appreciate all public input throughout the decision-making process.

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3-NL

From: noemilevine@speakeasy.net
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2006 7:51 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Please Protect California's Bay-Delta Estuary

Dear Mr. Marshall:

I am writing in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

Please withdraw this proposal until the causes of the Delta fish decline are identified and resolved. To increase Delta pumping while fish population is in decline is just irresponsible. | NL-1

At the minimum, the SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that reduces Delta pumping from current levels, improves Delta water quality and habitat, and protects fish.

Thank you,

(your name and address here)

noemi levine
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berkeley, CA 94705

3-DM

From: Tahoeartman2@hotmail.com
Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2006 6:32 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Please Protect California's Bay-Delta Estuary

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

It makes no sense to move forward with a project that will divert more fresh water from the Delta when Delta fish populations are crashing. Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the Delta fish decline are identified and fully resolved.

California does not need to increase Delta diversions to meet its current and future water needs. The State's own Water Plan proves that increased investments in urban and agricultural water use efficiency and reclamation can meet our needs well into the future.

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Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

At what point will we decide that care of the planet is more important than the short term wants of the human inhabitants? We do not have an alternative to Earth. If other species are being lost to our actions, is it not fair to consider that we are at risk also?

DM-
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

(your name and address here)

Dean Mieras
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520 Koru St.
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96151

3-EM

From: lizbetm28@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2006 4:15 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Please Protect California's Bay-Delta Estuary

Dear Mr. Marshall:

In regard to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S, the SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that significantly reduces Delta pumping from current levels, improves Delta water quality and habitat, and protects fish. Water and its conservation, along with protection of diminishing fish populations and stewardship of the irreplaceable and declining environment, is of vital concern now and for the future. **EM-1**

California does not need to increase Delta diversions to meet its current and future water needs. The State's own Water Plan proves that increased investments in urban and agricultural water use efficiency and reclamation can meet our needs well into the future.

Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Moody
40 Camino Alto #10102
Mill Valley, CA 94941

3-SO

From: osuzi@hotmail.com
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2006 9:14 AM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Please Protect California's Bay-Delta Estuary

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

The Delta is an extremely important ecosystem in California and damage to it has effects on plants, animals and ecosystems that are hundreds of miles away. Please do what you can to find a resolution to the water issues that does not do further damage to the Delta. **SO-1**

It makes no sense to move forward with a project that will divert more fresh water from the Delta when Delta fish populations are crashing. Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the Delta fish decline are identified and fully resolved.

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At the minimum, the SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that significantly reduces Delta pumping from current levels, actually improves Delta water quality and habitat, and protects fish.

Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

(your name and address here)

Susan Orozco-Neu
3458 Lee Street
Los Angeles, CA 90023

3-PR1

From: skazz999W@netscape.net
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2006 9:25 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Please Protect California's Bay-Delta Estuary

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The more fresh water that is diverted, the more salt water encroaches into the Delta. **PR1-1**

At the minimum, the SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that significantly reduces Delta pumping from current levels, actually improves Delta water quality and habitat, and protects fish.

Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

(your name and address here)

Philip Ratcliff
15 Foster Ct.
Cloverdale, CA 95425

3-BW1

From: bettine@wallinstudios.com
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2006 3:58 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Please Protect California's Bay-Delta Estuary

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

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We should be initiating water conservation education and even rationing of water for non-essential uses long before we endanger more natural life and scenic wonders. The people mostly cooperated with rationing during the past drought. Business and agriculture are allowed to have cheaper water and that pricing could be reconsidered to promote more efficient consumption.

BW-1

At the minimum, the SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that significantly reduces Delta pumping from current levels, actually improves Delta water quality and habitat, and protects fish.

Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

(your name and address here)

Bettine Wallin
895 Toro Canyon Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93108

3-MW

From: rmwhit@charter.net
Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2006 8:31 AM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Please Protect California's Bay-Delta Estuary

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

Why not start by looking at an alternative such as significantly reducing Delta pumping from current levels, this would actually improve Delta water quality and habitat, and protect fish.

MW-1

Diverting fresh water will harm all ecosystems in the Delta.

MW-2

California does not need to increase Delta diversions to meet its current and future water needs. The State's own Water Plan proves that increased investments in urban and agricultural water use efficiency and reclamation can meet our needs well into the future.

Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

(your name and address here)

Meredith Whitaker
764 Azalea Ct.
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

3-BW2

From: winholtz@kcbx.net
Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2006 12:01 AM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Please Protect California's Bay-Delta Estuary

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

I would like to see Southern CA institute water saving measures, water conservation, rather than ruin the Delta. It makes no sense to move forward with a project that will divert more fresh water from the Delta when Delta fish populations are crashing. Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the Delta fish decline are identified and fully resolved.

BW2
-1

The State's own Water Plan proves that increased investments in urban and agricultural water use efficiency and reclamation can meet our needs well into the future.

Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

(your name and address here)

betty winholtz
405 acacia
morro bay, CA 93442

3-TH

From: tomhazelleaf@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2006 11:27 AM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Please Protect California's Bay-Delta Estuary

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

With fish populations crashing we need less diversion, not more.

TH-1

Other less damaging alternatives exist for providing domestic water needs.

TH-2

At the minimum, the SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that significantly reduces Delta pumping from current levels, actually improves Delta water quality and habitat, and protects fish.

Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

(your name and address here)

Tom Hazelleaf
4656 Fir Avenue
Seal Beach, CA 90740

3-BF

From: bgbrfrnklyn@netscape.net
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2006 2:38 AM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Please Protect California's Bay-Delta Estuary

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

It makes no sense to move forward with a project that will divert more fresh water from the Delta when Delta fish populations are crashing. Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the Delta fish decline are identified and fully resolved.

California does not need to increase Delta diversions to meet its current and future water needs. The State's own Water Plan proves that increased investments in urban and agricultural water use efficiency and reclamation can meet our needs well into the future.

At the minimum, the SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that significantly reduces Delta pumping from current levels, actually improves Delta water quality and habitat, and protects fish.

As a avid fisherman, I deplore this proposal. The valley & southern california have taken enough water. Their inefficient water use practices must cease. It's been way too easy to raid northern california's resources.

BF-1

Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

(your name and address here)

Bernard Franklyn
1131 Compass Lane
Unit# 311
Foster City, CA 94404

3-LEF

From: lefinney@cox.net
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2006 10:20 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Please Protect California's Bay-Delta Estuary

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

It makes no sense to move forward with a project that will divert more fresh water from the Delta when Delta fish populations are crashing. Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the Delta fish decline are identified and fully resolved.

California does not need to increase Delta diversions to meet its current and future water needs. The State's own Water Plan proves that increased investments in urban and agricultural water use efficiency and reclamation can meet our needs well into the future.

At the minimum, the SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that significantly reduces Delta pumping from current levels, actually improves Delta water quality and habitat, and protects fish.

I am a resident of Southern California and I have never thought Delta water pumping should have been instituted nor should it continue. The Delta itself needs to be protected and alternative solutions to water needs need to be developed and addressed. | LEF-1

Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

(your name and address here)

L. Eleanor Finney
29571 Via Alto Cerro
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677-1811

3-LD

From: LAnnD4animals@charter.net
Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2006 1:26 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Please Protect California's Bay-Delta Estuary

Dear Mr. Marshall:

We are among the millions of Americans who are concerned about about diminishing supply of wild fish! Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

LD-1

It makes no sense to move forward with a project that will divert more fresh water from the Delta when Delta fish populations are crashing. Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the Delta fish decline are identified and fully resolved.

California does not need to increase Delta diversions to meet its current and future water needs. The State's own Water Plan proves that increased investments in urban and agricultural water use efficiency and reclamation can meet our needs well into the future.

At the minimum, the SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that significantly reduces Delta pumping from current levels, actually improves Delta water quality and habitat, and protects fish.

Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

(your name and address here)

Lou Anna Denison
6931 E 11 TH St
Long Beach, CA 90815

3-TA1

From: thomasaldrige95112@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2006 12:22 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Please Protect California's Bay-Delta Estuary

Dear Mr. Marshall:

I am sending this letter to you because it makes no sense to me to increase the diversion of water from the delta and thereby give the kiss of death to many of the species of fish which are already on the brink of extinction!!! Over the years the Corps of Engineers have had many water diversion projects which have turned into absolute catastrophes!!! This is not the time to destroy the fish in our delta but it is the time to save those species and save the delta from any more ill designed business as usual diversions of water all in the cause of progress!!! It is amazing that any fish at all can survive in the delta after all the harm that has been caused and designed by man all in the name of progress. Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

TA1-
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At the minimum, the SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that significantly reduces Delta pumping from current levels, actually improves Delta water quality and habitat, and protects fish.

Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

(your name and address here)

thomas aldrige
296 s 13 st
san jose, CA 95112

3-JB

From: mbalcom@prodigy.net
Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2006 4:36 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Please Protect California's Bay-Delta Estuary

Dear Mr. Marshall:

I appreciate your soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

Diverting more fresh water from the Delta when Delta fish populations are crashing seems short sighted and unwise to me. Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the Delta fish decline are identified and fully resolved. It is cheaper to keep from further harming the Delta now and wait for more information than it is to try to undo the damage caused by our impatient greed for water later.

JB-1

The State's own Water Plan proves that increased investments in urban and agricultural water use efficiency and reclamation can meet our needs well into the future, so diverting more water now seems particularly foolish.

At the minimum, the SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that significantly reduces Delta pumping from current levels, improves Delta water quality and habitat, and protects fish.

Sincerely,

jan balcom
27266 Twin Ponds
Clovis, CA 93619

3-PJ2

From: apjarvis@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2006 9:36 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Much of the Bay area gets water for drinking from the Delta. With less fresh water staying in the Delta, the poorer the drinking water will be here. Besides the southern part of California does not conserve water that it gets from other sources such as the Colorado River. We are the next to feel their pain, rather than the South! PJ2-1 PJ2-2

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

It makes no sense to move forward with a project that will divert more fresh water from the delta when delta fish populations are crashing. While scientists suspect several factors are responsible for the crash, most agree that water diversions are one of the most significant. Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the delta fish decline -- including water diversions -- are investigated and fully resolved.

California does not need to increase delta diversions to meet its current and future water needs. The state's own water plan proves that increased investments in urban and agricultural water use efficiency and reclamation can meet our needs well into the future.

At the minimum, the SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that significantly reduces delta pumping from current levels, actually improves delta water quality and habitat, and protects fish.

Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

Paul Jarvis
1135 Blandford Blvd.
Redwood City, California 94062

3-JW

From: jmwolfe17@earthlink.net
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2006 6:49 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

It makes no sense to move forward with a project that will divert more fresh water from the delta when delta fish populations are crashing. While scientists suspect several factors are responsible for the crash, most agree that water diversions are one of the most significant. Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the delta fish decline -- including water diversions -- are investigated and fully resolved. How much more "punishment" can the Delta take & why???? It has given "much to the residents" along the banks for decades. Non-residents are demanding something they have no knowledge or appreciation for. California does not need to increase delta diversions to meet its current and future water needs. The state's own water plan proves that increased investments in urban and agricultural water use efficiency and reclamation can meet our needs well into the future. JW-1

At the minimum, the SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that significantly reduces delta pumping from current levels, actually improves delta water quality and habitat, and protects fish.

Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

Judith Wolfe
1093 Hwy 101 N., # 31
Crescent City, California 95531-8385

3-DW

From: dwhittaker@shastalink.k12.ca.us
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2006 9:44 AM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

I am a native California and have lived in the Delta. I agonize over the loss of both the land in the richest single chunk of dirt on earth and the water in the Delta. At some point, hopefully before we destroy the survivability of California's natural beauty and riches, profitmaking will be blanced with preservation. It has been a long time since I felt safe eating fish from the Delta due to pollution exacerbated by deminished flow to cleanse the water. Too often we wait for catastrophe before we do what is proper.

DW-1

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Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

Daniel Whittaker
Box 175
Millville, California 96062

3-DLS

From: abccdana@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2006 5:45 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

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At the minimum, the SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that significantly reduces delta pumping from current levels, actually improves delta water quality and habitat, and protects fish. How about being sure the levees will hold? Remember New Orleans..... Please include us on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project. The Stewart and McKinley Families

DLS-1

Sincerely,

Dana L. Stewart
2660 N. Farrell Drive
Palm Springs, California 92262

3-PS1

From: patcat7@earthlink.net
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2006 5:51 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

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Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

THE DELTA NEEDS FRESH WATER. PLEASE SEE THAT IT GETS IT.

PS1-1

Sincerely,

PATRICIA Standring
30335 Rainbow View Drive
Agoura Hills
Agoura Hills, California 91301

3-GS1

From: bwfolks@pobox.com
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2006 5:02 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

This proposal should not go forward. Taking actions that worsen the delta situation makes no sense. **GS1-1**

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Sincerely,

Gayle Spencer
2603 Alpine Road
Menlo Park, California 94025

3-BS

From: alfaboy74@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2006 8:43 AM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Please Encourage More Responsible Growth First!

BS-1

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

While you are most like aware of the issue of the Delta Smelt's declining population, please take note that just because the water's there doesn't mean we should just take it. The impact isn't just to the fish, but to the entire eco-system. You know this, yet you proceed. Please stop. Tell the city councils to create new growth ordinances, it's the only way.

BS-2

California does not need to increase delta diversions to meet its current and future water needs. The state's own water plan proves that increased investments in urban and agricultural water use efficiency and reclamation can meet our needs well into the future.

At the minimum, the SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that significantly reduces delta pumping from current levels, actually improves delta water quality and habitat, and protects fish.

Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

Barrett Sherwood
1015 Keniston Ave.
Los Angeles, California 90019

3-MR

From: matthewroman@gorebels.net
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2006 11:31 AM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

It makes no sense to move forward with a project that will divert more fresh water from the delta when delta fish populations are crashing. While scientists suspect several factors are responsible for the crash, most agree that water diversions are one of the most significant. Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the delta fish decline -- including water diversions -- are investigated and fully resolved. As a Pittsburg resident and a person who is deeply concerned about our environment I firmly believe that absolutely no more fresh water should be taken from this area because people in other areas are wasteful over-consumers of water who apparently care about nothing or no one but themselves. I fear for the future of our entire planet and we must do all we can immediately to protect the home of all living things.

MR-1

MR-2

California does not need to increase delta diversions to meet its current and future water needs. The state's own water plan proves that increased investments in urban and agricultural water use efficiency and reclamation can meet our needs well into the future.

Sincerely,

Matthew Roman
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3-PR2

From: p_roca2003@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2006 7:29 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

I am writing in response to your solicitation of comments regarding the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

I urge you to withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the reasons for the decline of delta fish populations have been fully investigated, including the possibility that water diversions are compounding the problem. Any further diversion would be irresponsible before we understand the delta ecosystem more thoroughly. PR2-1

At the very least, the SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that significantly reduces delta pumping from current levels, improves delta water quality and habitat, and protects fish.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Patricia Roca
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El Sobrante, California 94803

3-MK

From: mquite@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2006 7:18 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

Already less than 10% of our invaluable wetlands in this country remain. Without these wetlands many species cannot reproduce or even survive. As stewards of the Earth, we need to protect wetlands, not waste and destroy them. We should always be trying not to waste water, as in a drought, not using it up profligately. MK-1
MK-2

It makes no sense to move forward with a project that will divert more fresh water from the delta when delta fish populations are crashing. While scientists suspect several factors are responsible for the crash, most agree that water diversions are one of the most significant. Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the delta fish decline -- including water diversions -- are investigated and fully resolved.

California does not need to increase delta diversions to meet its current and future water needs. The state's own water plan proves that increased investments in urban and agricultural water use efficiency and reclamation can meet our needs well into the future.

At the minimum, the SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that significantly reduces delta pumping from current levels, actually improves delta water quality and habitat, and protects fish.

Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

Mary Kimball
9813 Monogram Ave.
Northridge, California 91343

3-TK1

From: tarakamath@verizon.net
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2006 2:20 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

I am writing to comment on the South Delta Improvement Project
(SDIP) DEIR/S.

Moving forward with a project that will divert more fresh water from the delta is the wrong thing to do when delta fish populations are crashing. Although scientists suspect a number of factors factor in the crash, it's generally agreed that diverting water is one of the biggest. Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the delta fish decline -- including water diversions -- are investigated and fully resolved.

California does not need to increase delta diversions to meet its current and future water needs. The state's own water plan proves that increased investments in urban and agricultural water use efficiency and reclamation can meet our needs well into the future.

At the minimum, the SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that significantly reduces delta pumping from current levels, actually improves delta water quality and habitat, and protects fish.

Please think beyond the short term benefits of this project to the long term consequences. TK1-1

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Tara Kamath
1959 Cloverfield Blvd., #118
Santa Monica, California 90404

3-LP1

From: noelp71@earthlink.net
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2006 5:01 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

It makes no sense to move forward with a project that will divert more fresh water from the delta when delta fish populations are crashing. While scientists suspect several factors are responsible for the crash, most agree that water diversions are one of the most significant. Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the delta fish decline -- including water diversions -- are investigated and fully resolved.

California does not need to increase delta diversions to meet its current and future water needs. The state's own water plan proves that increased investments in urban and agricultural water use efficiency and reclamation can meet our needs well into the future.

At the minimum, the SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that significantly reduces delta pumping from current levels, actually improves delta water quality and habitat, and protects fish.

Please give nature and its creatures the dignity of a fair chance at surviving the ravages of the desecration perpetrated upon them for what we foolishly call OUR "needs." If we are the "superior beings" that we claim to be, we should be intelligent enough to devise methods that do not put nature and its creatures in peril for our "needs."

LP1-1

Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

Lauri Provencher
10440 Seabury Lane
Los Angeles, California 90077

3-TK2

From: Teresa7897@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2006 5:57 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Please consider this an important issue for all of us. Our environment is so important. It is the inheritance for all. Let the investigation take place. This will allow a future for all. TK2-1

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

It makes no sense to move forward with a project that will divert more fresh water from the delta when delta fish populations are crashing. While scientists suspect several factors are responsible for the crash, most agree that water diversions are one of the most significant. Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the delta fish decline -- including water diversions -- are investigated and fully resolved.

California does not need to increase delta diversions to meet its current and future water needs. The state's own water plan proves that increased investments in urban and agricultural water use efficiency and reclamation can meet our needs well into the future.

At the minimum, the SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that significantly reduces delta pumping from current levels, actually improves delta water quality and habitat, and protects fish.

Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

Teresa Kruse
882 Cleveland Street
#32
Oakland, California 94606

3-CL

From: lishchris@yahoo.com
Sent: Sunday, February 05, 2006 9:18 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

It makes no sense to move forward with a project that will divert more fresh water from the delta when delta fish populations are crashing. While scientists suspect several factors are responsible for the crash, most agree that water diversions are one of the most significant. Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the delta fish decline -- including water diversions -- are investigated and fully resolved. Even in the face of scientific uncertainty, the prudent stance is to take cost effective steps to restrict or even completely prohibit any activity that has the potential of causing long-term or irreversible harm. CL-1

California does not need to increase delta diversions to meet its current and future water needs. The state's own water plan proves that increased investments in urban and agricultural water use efficiency and reclamation can meet our needs well into the future.

At the minimum, the SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that significantly reduces delta pumping from current levels, actually improves delta water quality and habitat, and protects fish. A choice to do nothing in response to the mounting evidence is actually a choice to continue and even accelerate the reckless environmental destruction that is creating the catastrophe at hand. CL-2

?A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise.? -- Aldo Leopold, The Conservation Ethic

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Christopher Lish
PO Box 113
Olema, California 94950

3-SL2

From: luv4wildlife@redjellyfish.net
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2006 3:01 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

Please use common sense and compassion for our fellow living beings in your decision making. We humans MUST stop believing that everything on Earth is simply here for our use and abuse - we share this planet with others, and Earth's ecosystems have functioned beautifully for thousands of years. However, those functions are constantly being ruined and set off-balance by greed and poor planning by humans. SL2-1

It makes no sense to move forward with a project that will divert more fresh water from the delta when delta fish populations are crashing. While scientists suspect several factors are responsible for the crash, most agree that water diversions are one of the most significant. Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the delta fish decline -- including water diversions -- are investigated and fully resolved.

California does not need to increase delta diversions to meet its current and future water needs. The state's own water plan proves that increased investments in urban and agricultural water use efficiency and reclamation can meet our needs well into the future.

At the minimum, the SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that significantly reduces delta pumping from current levels, actually improves delta water quality and habitat, and protects fish.

Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

Sherry Lizardo
1396 E. Kern
Tulare, California 93274

3-CM

From: cmans12232442@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2006 9:56 AM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

It makes no sense to move forward with a project that will divert more fresh water from the delta when delta fish populations are crashing. While scientists suspect several factors are responsible for the crash, most agree that water diversions are one of the most significant. Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the delta fish decline -- including water diversions -- are investigated and fully resolved.

California does not need to increase delta diversions to meet its current and future water needs. The state's own water plan proves that increased investments in urban and agricultural water use efficiency and reclamation can meet our needs well into the future.

Conservation should be our first resort, not the last option.

CM-1

Sincerely,

Clayton Mansfield
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San Francisco, California 94118

3-DB3

From: dfbeck@northcoast.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2006 5:51 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Thank you for soliciting public comments on this project.

This project is bad at both ends. At the north end, it will deprive the Klamath-Trinity River system of greatly needed cold, fresh water for the already disasterously impacted fisheries. DB3-1

At the south end, it will divert more fresh water from the delta when delta fish populations are crashing. While scientists suspect several factors are responsible for the crash, most agree that water diversions are one of the most significant.

Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the delta fish decline--including water diversions--are studied and fully resolved. And the project should specifically consider Trinity River chinook salmon, the primary commercial and recreational species of the Klamath-Trinity system. DB3-2

California does not need to increase delta diversions to meet its current and future water needs. The state's own water plan proves that increased investments in urban and agricultural water use efficiency and reclamation can meet our needs well into the future.

At the minimum, the SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that significantly reduces delta pumping from current levels, actually improves delta water quality and habitat, and protects fish.

Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

Diane Beck
3200 Greenwood Heights Dr.
Kneeland, California 95549

3-TA2

From: thomasaldrige95112@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2006 3:55 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S. It makes no sense to increase the water diversions of the delta. Business as usual is leading the delta to a monumental disaster. Its time to start protecting the delta and stop this relentless bleeding her to death under with the stupid pretext of helping the delta. SHAME!!!! It makes no sense to move forward with a project that will divert more fresh water from the delta when delta fish populations are crashing. While scientists suspect several factors are responsible for the crash, most agree that water diversions are one of the most significant. Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the delta fish decline -- including water diversions -- are investigated and fully resolved. TA2-1

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Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

thomas aldrige
296 s 13 st
san jose, California 95112

3-DB4

From: dbug@callatg.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2006 10:29 AM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

As a concerned sportsman and a small business owner, I am very concerned about the health of the California Delta. This will affect my hobby and my livelihood. It makes no sense to move forward with a project that will divert more fresh water from the delta when delta fish populations are crashing. While scientists suspect several factors are responsible for the crash, most agree that water diversions are one of the most significant. Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the delta fish decline -- including water diversions -- are investigated and fully resolved. DB4-1

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Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

Doug Brutocao
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Sebastopol, California 95473

3-CB

From: geochick123@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2006 5:17 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

It is my understanding that the department is planning to increase pumping of freshwater from the estuary by 27%. It makes no sense to move forward with a project that will divert more fresh water from the delta when delta fish populations are crashing. While scientists suspect several factors are responsible for the crash, most agree that water diversions are one of the most significant. Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the delta fish decline -- including water diversions -- are investigated and fully resolved. **CB-1**

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Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

Chris Bucklin
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Pasadena, California 91109

3-GD

From: galendavis@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2006 1:44 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

Water and the ecosystems it supports are not to be taken lightly. We need to think creatively and sustainably. **GD-1**

It makes no sense to move forward with a project that will divert more fresh water from the delta when delta fish populations are crashing. While scientists suspect several factors are responsible for the crash, most agree that water diversions are one of the most significant. Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the delta fish decline -- including water diversions -- are investigated and fully resolved.

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At the minimum, the SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that significantly reduces delta pumping from current levels, actually improves delta water quality and habitat, and protects fish.

Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

Galen Davis
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Oakland, California 94602